

# Fleets in Review

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# A Newsletter for Fleet Emissions Inspection Facilities and Inspectors

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### **Liquid Fuel Leak (Correction)**

Beginning April I, fleets must perform the Liquid Fuel Leak Test. In the last issue, the test and procedure for performing it were explained. However, an error was found after publication. The results of the Liquid Leak test are to be reported on the Fleet Vehicle Inspection Report/Monthly Summary (FVIR/MS), not on the VE-160, as stated.

Fleets may begin this test now, but must be performing it by April 1, 2009.

If you need a copy of the Liquid Fuel Leak Test or Procedure, contact your State compliance inspector or Adrion Osborne, (602) 207-7011, alo@azdeq.gov.

# **New Year Brings Changes**

#### **Tucson Area:**

While State Station testing of OBD-equipped vehicles had changed to biennial (two years) in the Tucson metro area, it remains an annual test for fleets.

Non-dealer fleets are now restricted to performing OBD testing on 1996 and newer and idle testing of 1980 and older vehicles unless they are equipped with a dynamometer. Idle and 2500 rpm unloaded testing of 1981 through 1995 vehicles is no longer permitted.

Reported in this newsletter back in the fall of 2007, Senate Bill 1531 authorized the testing of OBD vehicles by Tucson area government and private fleets. Fleets not yet performing the OBD test must obtain the necessary equipment: SAE J1979 compatible scan tool and gas cap tester capable of performing the 60cc leak check. Inspectors must update their licenses to

include OBD, and fleets will need to make application for the OBD permit.

The same legislation required fleets to utilize a dynamometer for testing 1981 through 1995 vehicles. Implementation of this provision was delayed to allow fleets time to obtain the necessary equipment. The dyno is now required.

Dealer fleets continue to test under the special provisions for them. Other than the "Liquid Fuel Leak Test," there is no change to their test procedures at this time. However, dealers will soon see a new version of the "Dealer Fleet Handbook." The revised version is expected soon and will combine both the Maricopa and Pima dealer fleet procedures.

#### Phoenix area:

New inspection stations have been added and one closed (see below).

### **New Inspection Stations Open**

For those occasions when a fleet needs to take a vehicle through the State Inspection Station, there are three new stations open in metro Phoenix and one closed. The station that has been eliminated is the one at 40th St. and Greenway (15439 N. 40th St.).

New locations to serve the expanding community are:

501 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix

16140 W. Eddie Albert Way, Goodyear

565 E. 38th Ave., Apache Junction

The new stations opened on January 2. All can perform any required test, and offer express OBD testing.

## **Specialty Training**

Can your inspection staff benefit from specialized training in OBD, IM147 or other emissions related topics? We can help. Custom seminars can be arranged at VEI or at your facility. The seminars are offered at no cost. Call or e-mail Adrion Osborne for more information or to discuss your needs. (602) 207-7011 or alo@azdeq.gov.

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# **2009 First Half Training Schedule**

JANUARY 2009	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	6-7
Dealers	13-14
Diesel	8
Tucson	26-28
FEBRUARY 2009	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	3-4
Dealers	10-11
Diesel	5
Tucson	Not Scheduled
MARCH 2009	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	3-4
Dealers	10-11
Diesel	5
Tucson	23-25

APRIL 2009	
Fleet	Dates
Government and	7-8
Fleet Shop	
Dealers	14-15
Diesel	9
Tucson	27-29
MAY 2009	
Fleet	Dates
Government and	5-6
Fleet Shop	
Dealers	12-13
Diesel	7
Tucson	Not Scheduled
JUNE 2009	
Fleet	Dates
Government and	9-10
Fleet Shop	
Dealers	16-17
Diesel	11
Tucson	Not Scheduled